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Howard L. Weiner et. al.

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ADMINISTRATION OF AUTOANTIGENS

January 9, 2002

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

This is a petition to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment issued in the
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a copy of the post card stamped and returned by the USPTO (enclosed) along with a copy of a stamped Express Mail certificate to establish that a response was timely filed on November 13, 2001 due to the USPTO's closure on Monday, November 12, 2001 in honor of Veterans Day. Specifically, the postcard and Express Mail receipt establish that:

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It is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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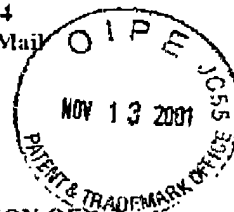
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